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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

1. MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 1 SOMEWHAT UPSET, STATING HE HAD JUST HAD VISIT FROM MEMBER OF N.Y. TIMES WASHINGTON BUREAU NAMED WALSH. WALSH TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD YESTERDAY BY UNNAMED SOURCE IN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THAT EMBASSY HAD MADE EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR VESCO LAST WEEK, LAST IN A SERIES OF APPROACHES WHICH HAD BEEN MET WITH VERY UNCOOPERATIVE BAHAMIAN ATTITUDE. ADDERLEY SAID HE REVIEWED BACKGROUND, ESSENTIALLY AS HE HAD SET IT FORTH IN HIS SEPEMBER 14 STATEMENT (NASSAU 1311) AND MADE NO MENTION OF AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH THIS MORNING TO PRESENT FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUEST.

2. ADDERLEY SAID HE FELT THAT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, AT LEAST WAS NOT PLAYING FAIR. HE RECALLED AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT TO HIM THIS MORNING, PURSUANT TO STATE 215275, THAT WE PREFER TO HAVE OUR REQUEST REMAIN SECRET.

3. COMMENT: GCOB, OF COURSE, DOES NOT CONSIDER IT HAS BEEN "UNCOOPERATIVE". WE DO NOT KNOW, OF COURSE, WHETHER WALSH (WHO HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY) IS REPORTING ACCURATELY WHAT HE WAS TOLD AT JUSTICE, BUT ALLEGATIONS OF THIS KIND WILL GET GCOB'S BACK UP AND PREJUDICE KIND OF RECEPTION OF OUR REQUEST WE ARE HOPING FOR. IF STORY OF THIS KIND APPEARS, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO CORRECT CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPRESSION CREATED OF BAHAMIAN ATTITUDE. FROM COMMENTS WE HAVE GOTTEN FROM ADDERLEY, AT LEAST, THINK HE IS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR OBJECTIVE AND WE HOPE TO KEEP HIM THAT WAY.

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